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SUBJECT: 63RD ECOSOC: ITEM 19, ASSISTANCE IN ECONOMIC EMERGENCY
SITUATIONS

REF: STATE 171006

1. TRANSMITTED BELOW IS LATEST TEXT OF DUTCH DRAFT RESOLUTION
ON IMMEDIATE NEEDS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTEL, WE ATTEMPTED
TO PERSUADE SPONSORS TO ACCEPT CONCEPT OF A GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS
GROUP TO STUDY THE PROBLEM AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS. THIS WAS
NOT ACCEPTABLE PRIMARILY SINCE IN THE VIEW OF THE SPONSORS, THE ACC
HAD BEEN STUDYING THE PROBLEM FOR TWO YEARS AND THEIR REPORT
(E/TOIO) CONTAINS BEST JUDGMENT OF THE KEY UN AGENCIES. SIMI-
LARLY, OUR EFFORTS TO INCLUDE CONCEPT OF "WITHIN EXISTING
RESOURCES" WERE NOT ACCEPTED ON THE GROUNDS THAT NEW CAPACITY,
HOWEVER SMALL, WITHIN THE SECRETARIAT WOULD BE REQUIRED.

2. AT THIS POINT COSPONSORS INCLUDE PAKISTAN, KENYA, PHILIP-
PINES, NIGERIA, YUGOSLAVIA AND NEW ZALAND. (IT IS PROBABLE
ADDITIONAL G-77 COSPONSORS WILL JOIN.) DUTCH INDICATED THAT EC-9
HAD MET AND GREE TO GO ALONG IN PRINCIPLE WITH CONCEPT. WE
WILL CHECK THIS OUT WITH EC-9 FURTHER MONDAY JULY 25). SOVIETS

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ARE OPPOSED, BUT WHEN ASKED, DUCKED THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THEY
WERE PREPARED TO CALL FOR A VOTE.

3. BEGIN TEXT

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,
RECALLING GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3510 (XXX) AND COUNCIL
DECISION 177 (LXI) ENDORSED BY THE ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY-FIRST

SESSION;

HAVING CONSIDERED THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL ON
IMMEDIATE NEEDS RESULTING FROM ECONOMIC EMERGENCY SITUATIONS
(E/5989);

RECOMMENDS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THE ADOPTION OF THE
FOLLOWING DRAFT RESOLUTION;

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3510 (XXX) AND COUNCIL
DECISION 177(LXI) ENDORSED BY THE ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY-FIRST
SESSION;

RECOGNIZING THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SHOULD PROMPTLY
AND EFFECTIVELY RESPOND TO EMERGENCY SITUATIONS DURING WHICH
SERIOUS DISRUPTIONS OF PLANNED DEVELOPMENT ARE LIKELY TO OCCUR, WITH
HARMFUL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL EFFECTS ESPECIALLY ON THE POOREST
STRATA OF THE POPULATION AND WHICH HAVE ARISEN THROUGH CIRCUM-
STANCES BEYOND THE CONTROL OF THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED;

REAFFIRMING THAT THE UNITED NATIONS AND ITS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES
SHOULD ACT IN SUCH EMERGENCIES IN A FLEXIBLE, COMPREHENSIVE AND
CO-ORDINATED MANNER AND CONVINCED OF THE NEED OF IMPROVING AND
SYSTEMATIZING THE PROCEDURES FOR DEALING WITH EMERGENCIES SO THAT
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IMMEDIATE ACTION IS TAKEN TO OFFSET THEIR CONSEQUENCES;

CONVINCED ALSO OF THE NEED TO STRENGTHEN THE CAPACITY OF THE
SYSTEM, AT THE COUNTRY LEVEL, TO PROVIDE EARLY WARNING OF IMPENDING
EMERGENCIES;

RECOGNIZING ALSO THE VARIOUS EXISTING MECHANISMS, INCLUDING UNDRO,
FOR THE PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE RENDERED BY THE UN SYSTEM IN
EMERGENCY SITUATIONS;

RECOGNIZING FURTHER THAT ARRANGEMENTS ARE NECESSARY TO BRING TO
BEAR IN A COORDINATED MANNER THE COMBINED RESOURCES OF THE UNITED
NATIONS AND ITS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE EFFECTS
OF DONOR COUNTRIES AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN ASSISTING GOVERN-
MENTS AT A TIME OF EMERGENCIES;

1. TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION OF THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY
GENERAL ON IMMEDIATE NEEDS RESULTING FROM ECONOMIC EMERGENCY
SITUATIONS (E/5989);

2. INVITES THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, THE RESIDENT
REPRESENTATIVES OF UNDP AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, IN COOPERATION WITH

GOVERNMENTS, TO COOPERATE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON RELEVANT DEVELOPMENTS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE FIELDS OF COMPETENCE AND TO ASSIST AS NECESSARY IN THE ASSESSMENT OF REQUIREMENTS AND IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASURES OF REMEDIAL ACTION REQUESTED BY THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED;

3. URGES THE UNDP TO ENSURE THAT AT THE COUNTRY LEVEL THE RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVES IN COOPERATION WITH GOVERNMENTS, COLLECT, CO-ORDINATE AND CHANNEL ALL INFORMATION MADE AVAILABLE TO THEM ABOUT IMPENDING OR EXISTING EMERGENCY SITUATIONS AND ASSIST IN THE APPLICATION OF RELIEF MEASURES;

4. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO MAKE, AS NECESSARY, ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS AT UN HEADQUARTERS FOR THE EFFECTIVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CARRQNG OUT OF THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS:

(A) THE COMPILATIMN AND EVALUATION OF DATA PROVIDED BY THE MONITORING SYSTEM REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPHS 2 AND 3, THE ASSESSMENT OF THE ASSISTANCE REQUIRED IN ECONOMIC EMERGENCY SITUATIONS IN COOPERATION WITH THE APPROPRIATE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND THE PROVISION OF ADVANCE WARNING OF POTENTIAL EMERGENCIES TO THE GOVERNMENT CONCERNED;

(B) THE INITIATION OF MEASURES FOR THE PROVISION BY THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM OF ASSISTANCE TO THE GOVERNMENT CONCERNED IN A ECONOMIC EMERGENCY SITUATION IN COOPERATION WITH THE APPROPRIATE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES;

(C) THE ESTABLISHMENT, THROUGH THE DESIGNATION OF A LEAD AGENCY OR ORGANIZATION AS APPROPRIATE IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, OF FLEXIBLE AND EFFECTIVE AD HOC COORDINATION MECHANISMS FOR THE MEASURES OF REMEDIAL ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE APPROPRIATE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES IN CONSULTATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT CONCERNED IN RESPONSE TO ITS REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE;

(D) ASSISTING WITH THE MOBILIZATION OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS FROM POTENTIAL DONOR COUNTRIES AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND THE COORDINATION OF SUCH AID WITH THAT PROVIDED BY THE UNITED NATIONS AND ITS SPECIALIED AGENCIES;

(E) ASSISTING WHERE NECESSARY IN THE COORDINATION OF THE PROGRAMMES OF SPECIAL EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE WHICH MIGHT BE DECIDED UPON BY ECOSOC IN THE EVENT OF A PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY AS ENVISAGED IN PARAGRAPH 5 BELOW.

5. DECIDES THAT, IF THE CHARACTERISTICS OF AN EMERGENCY SO WARRANT, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AY, AT THE REQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT CONCERNED, AND ON THE BASIS OF AN ASSESSMENT OF THE RELEVANT INDICATORS, PROCLAIM A STATE OF EMERGENCY, IF NECESSARY IN A SPECIAL SESSION CONVENED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNCIL'S RULES OF PROCEDURE, AND ADOPT A PROGRAMME OF SPECIAL ASSISTANCE COMMENSURATE WITH THE MAGNITUDE OF THE EMERGENCY WHICH HAS PROMPTED SUCH A DECISION;

6. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO REPORT TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AT ITS SIXTY-FIFTH SESSION ON THE MEASURES TAKEN TO SET IN MOTION THE ARRANGEMENTS OUTLINED IN THIS RESOLUTION;

7. REQUESTS THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL TO KEEP UNDER REVIEW, ON A REGULAR BASIS, THE ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY THE UNITED NATIONS AND ITS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS RESOLUTION.
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